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1. DURING A RECENT INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON EC-ASEAN RELATIONS WITH JOHN HANSEN, EC COMMISSION, DG-I OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF COMMUNITY'S RELATIONS WITH ASIA, MISSION OFFICER RECALLED DEPARTMENT'S OPPOSITION (REF A) TO CONCEPT OF REGIONAL STABEX ARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED IN 1977 BY ASEAN GROUP. HANSEN TOOK THE POINT, BUT INDICATED THAT QUESTION OF REGIONAL STABEX PROPOSAL HAD SURFACED AT APRIL 5 COREPER WORKING GROUP SESSION (REF B IN CONTEXT OF "BRAINSTORMING" BY EC PERMREP OFFICIALS ON AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANNED AUTUMN MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE SAID IT DID NOT SIGNIFY EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILLINGNESS TO ACQUIESCE TO ASEAN REQUEST ON THIS MATTER.

2. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF EC-ASEAN RELATIONS WITH BRITISH PERMREP AT LUNCH APRIL 19, AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED U.S. OPPOSITION TO REGIONAL STABEX, BUT SAID THAT CONCEPT OF ENHANCED EC-ASEAN DIALOGUE APPEARS

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